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MINISTERIAL COURTESY.

Mr. F. M. Hatch, is certainly a unique specimen of a Minister of Foreign Affairs, if he is responsible for the insult offered a few days ago to the ex-Queen of Hawaii, and to Mrs. J. H. Wodehouse, the wife of the ex-British Minister, Major J. H. Wodehouse. Mrs. Wodehouse applied for permission to call on the ex-Queen previous to the family's departure. The lady has known and been on friendly terms with Queen Liliuokalani for twenty-eight years. Mrs. Wodehouse leaves these islands permanently in a few days and she naturally desired to say a possibly final good-bye to her friend of yore. A clerk in the employ of the Minister of Foreign Affairs answered her letter, refusing the requested interview. The poorest and commonest prisoner in Oahu Jail is granted privileges which are denied to the woman who sat on Hawaii's throne, and to whose company Mr. Hatch and his family were ever willing to come. Robert Wilcox is given a holiday at the birth of a child. Another political prisoner is allowed to attend the funeral of a relation. Again others receive friends and relations on all occasions, but the proper and natural request of the wife of the ex-British Minister to say good-bye to her quondam royal friend is refused by a team like Minister F. M. Hatch and his clerk. It is commonly reported that the refusal was caused by Mrs. Wodehouse's reference to Liliuokalani as ex-Queen of Hawaii. Had she asked to see Mrs. Dominis, it is said that her request would have been granted. We believe it. Such a small transaction is exactly of the size of the brain and body of Hawaii's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

ANOTHER ANONYMOUS TOURIST.

Another anonymous tourist—this time apparently not a congressman—airs his views in the Advertiser and furnishes the overworked editor with copy to fill space. We don't

like, as a rule, to advertise our neighbor's goods, but the richness of some of the expressions used seems to have escaped the eagle eye of the gentlemen who furnish the political pabulum for the morning journal. We pass the vividly gorgeous slush about the birds—myoahs and alaes—"tuning their native wood notes wild" and "the frailest plant"—the Chinese stink weed—"twining its parasitical arms around the supporting stem, lavishing its tropical sweets, upon the delightful air of these beautiful mornings." Every tourist will make these horrid mistakes.

The other usual under-graduate, home from college, similes borrowed from chemistry and psychological poetry, are here also, but, it would be cruel to drag them from their present obscurity into the garish light of day of Hawaiian criticism. But when it comes to the political situation the following is too luscious to be reserved for the amazement of the fogies who still read the Advertiser. Listen and wonder, all ye who know the politics of that venerable and antiquated sheet; we have added a few italics to emphasize the fearfully wonderful accusation he brings:

"You need half a million of good, sensible men and women with brains, culture, refinement and money. I do not mean these extra goody-goody folks, for the man or woman who have no faults are generally without virtues; neither has the man without enemies any force of character. I mean human men and women who love home, country and flag—who will build up the home, develop the resources of these islands and defend the country, its constitution and its flag. A few sugar barons and coffee kings—the balance of the population disfranchised menials—will never make a country in which men or money will have confidence. Let the world know the wonderful possibilities of these islands. Offer the best inducements you can in the form of liberal land laws; remove all obstruction, if any exists, to the importation of live stock, agricultural implements, household goods, etc. Secure specially low rates for those who come to make the islands their permanent home; believe some people from the outside are honest, and would come here for honorable motives, and, in my judgment, you would soon have the wealthiest, busiest and happiest Republic on earth."

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

A "visitor" in the Advertiser's columns express himself as follows re W. R. Castle:

"The American people will welcome His Excellency Minister Castle. He is very well known in the States, and like his worthy predecessor, is regarded as representing the highest type of manhood as well as the best interests of his nation. He will enter the United States by all that great country's wishes blest, whose every loyal man, woman and child will hail the day when Minister Castle can drop the official toga and greet all Americans as fellow citizens."

Great Scott! Who would have thought W. R. Castle represented the highest type of manhood? What kind of men has "visitor" seen before?

What does the Advertiser mean by this, referring to the Sharpshooters?

"Suppose for instance the company should be ordered into the field with one of the regular or volunteer companies and the commanding officer wanted to deploy the companies as skirmishers, where would the sharpshooters be and which company would execute the commands with the best despatch? The questions (sic) does not have to be asked twice."

Does it mean to insinuate that the Sharpshooters, who are specially

enlisted to act as skirmishers, would have vanished to where they couldn't skirmish?

The retirement of Marshal Hitchcock is a move in the right direction. The retiring official has not been suitable for the position held by him. He is imbued with the most remarkable ideas in regard to the relations between the tax payers and their servants, the officials. His old positions as the autocrat of a plantation and, later on, of the island of Hawaii, where the easy-going inhabitants tolerated his arrogance and officiousness, spoiled him for the office recently held by him in Honolulu. The tax payers here stand no bulldozing and they object to having a servant—be he marshal or a common policeman—swearing, cursing, abusing and browbeating themselves, their wives and children, and other female relations. Marshal Hitchcock could not see the difference between Hilo and Honolulu and he continued his objectionable conduct. The public resented it and made him feel the resentment. That made him disgusted and he now hies himself to Hilo, where we understand he will be far from welcome in his official capacity. If the Hiloites will tolerate more of its reappointed sheriff's browbeating all we can say is that they deserve all they will get.

The Senate has finally killed the proposed Electric Car Franchise, and it has at the time proposed an amendment to Chapter 74 of the Laws of 1890, entitled: "An Act to permit the Hawaiian Tramways Company, Limited, to Use and Maintain Electric Traction." The intention of the new Act may be very good, and we suppose it has been brought forward as a sop to the different leagues, cliques, unions, etc., who were induced to pass resolutions in favor of the deceased franchise bill, but we are strongly inclined to believe that the proposed Act, in its present shape, is unconstitutional. The Hawaiian Tramways Co. received its charter in 1884. In 1890 the privilege to change the motor from animal to electricity was granted, and no limit was set for the said change. We hold that the present charter, under our constitution, cannot be changed by legislative action except with the sanction and by petition of the charterholders. All acts according to the constitution of the Republic which were in force at the time of its promulgation remain so if not contrary to its provisions. The proposed amendment to the Act of 1890 would be *ex post facto* legislation and consequently unconstitutional.

The members of the late Labor Commission will get \$1000 for their services. Three of the members had signified their willingness to serve without pay, while Mr. Severance wanted money because he has been sitting around the office of the Commission every day and having nothing else to do. As the Legislature has decided to pay the members, the amount should certainly be divided equally. If it comes to the point we believe that busy men like Murray, Emmeluth and Vivas are entitled to bigger pay for their work on the labor question—about which they know something—than Mr. Severance and Armstrong who don't know a workingman when they see him.

The appointment of Mr. A. M. Brown to the office of Marshal of

the Republic is very proper. Nothing encourages officials more in doing their duty than promotion whenever opportunity offers. As Deputy Marshal Mr. Brown has done very well, and he has always been found courteous and obliging. It is now to be hoped that new honors will not make his feet too big for his boots, or his head too big for his hat. By the way how many disappointed "candidates" are there around town?

Is it not about time for Mr. L. A. Thurston to present a report to the Board of Immigration relating to his work in Portugal and the recent importation of about 400 Portuguese? Or, if he has made it, is it not about time for the Board to publish it, and let the public know the expenses and general circumstances connected with the Thurstonian trip? Mr. D. B. Smith, who is now a member of the Board, very seldom allows grass to grow under his shoes (first class assortment; all sizes; all prices), should stir up this matter. It is understood that the latest imported Portuguese cost the planters over \$210 for each one. We do not blame the planters for desiring to learn how much of this money goes to Thurston and how much to general expenses. The Japanese laborers cost the planters about \$20 each. They do not want any more Portuguese by—Thurston!

Who is to be the special agent to investigate the best way of getting a cable here? Will he get the whole of the \$10,000 appropriated for his own sweet use? Or will he fall, like our Labor Commission and the Lehua, somewhat short? Who will say?

That Land Bill is still suffering for want of constitutional title. But that doesn't matter; the whole act is so incurably defective in constitutionality, that its lack of a head doesn't make it any worse than many other features of this country.

Now the Senate has passed the third reading of its amended Low Grade Kerosene Withdrawal Act. Now, it is order for the house to take care of the fire risks of the city by rejecting it. The Senate evidently doesn't care whether Honolulu burns down or not, as long as the Executive take the responsibility of fathering the act which provides the means.

Once there was a melodrama styled "Black-eyed Susan" or the "Wreck Ashore." One of the characters in the play collects definitions for a dictionary. Amongst them he finds, "Go," a small word of two letters and one syllable, which some people had better adopt before they are "kicked out." Marshal Hitchcock must have come across the latest edition of the play and carefully studied it.

The Executive have acted wisely in having the annexation resolution referred to a committee. They evidently do not wish to do anything to discourage the annexation sentiment, but they do not like their own privileges invaded, or any hasty action taken which might tend to defeat its own purpose. *Festina lente*. Make haste slowly is their motto. By the way how many members in good standing are there in the Hawaiian Republican Club? More than four dozen?

The Bulletin has evidently been reading some back numbers of THE

INDEPENDENT and reproducing their contents on its editorial page. The story about the Supreme Court and their wives appeared in our columns a fortnight ago. The pumping plant building scandal we have taken up again and again. The Morgan episode we have also treated on. The Bulletin is waking up, but as usual, is about a fortnight behind.

Editor Towse of the Star evidently does not like Captain Kidwell, of the Sharpshooters. But as evidently he despises the Advertiser's remarks on that body of men, who do not like "pretty clothes." So he suggests the writer couldn't hit a wild pig tied to a peg 200 yards away, once in thirteen shots. Now we don't suggest to the Advertiser man to go gunning at 200 yards distance for the Star's editor—at least not until he is tied to a peg.

The Senate appointed as the Committee on the Conference on the Land Bill Senators Lyman, Baldwin and McCandless. The House has notified its non concurrence in many amendments.

The Senate has got through its end of the work to date in quick time. But the Ministers will find it something to do, as they don't allow public servants to be idle and yet draw pay!

If Representative Richards is satisfied with the answer he got in regard to the Lehua, no one else is.

\$1083 worth of claims went in to the Senate this morning. The appropriation won't hold out.

The Senate is getting too brash for anything. If it doesn't do any more work than it did this morning it won't adjourn this year, let alone this week.

The Senate adjourned without doing anything this morning till 1:30 p. m., and unless something turns up they have nothing to do then.

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